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TO COUNTY ASSESSORS:

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MENDOCINO COUNTY
ASSESSMENT PRACTICES SURVEY

A copy of the Mendocino County Assessment Practices Survey Report is enclosed for your information. The Board of Equalization (BOE) completed this survey in fulfillment of the provisions of sections 15640-15646 of the Government Code. These code sections provide that the BOE shall make surveys in each county and city and county to determine that the practices and procedures used by the county assessor in the valuation of properties are in conformity with all provisions of law.

The Honorable Marsha A. Wharff, Mendocino County Assessor/Recorder/Clerk, was provided a draft of this report and given an opportunity to file a written response to the findings and recommendations contained therein. The report, the county assessor's response, and the BOE's comments on the assessor's response constitute the final survey report which, pursuant to Government Code section 15646, is distributed to the Governor, the Attorney General, the State Legislature, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors and Grand Jury.

The BOE's County Property Tax Division performed the fieldwork for this survey of the Mendocino County Assessor's Office between March and July 2000. The report does not reflect changes implemented by the assessor after the fieldwork was completed.

The survey process inherently requires the interruption of normal office work routines. We thank Ms. Wharff and her staff for their cooperation and patience during this assessment practices survey.

These survey reports give the government officials in California charged with property tax administration the opportunity to exchange ideas for the mutual benefit of all participants and stakeholders. We encourage you to share your questions, comments, and/or suggestions for improvement with us.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard C. Johnson

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